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The above-referenced application was filed on December 21, 2001 and a first Status Request was sent on April 21, 2003. A response to that Status Request indicated that the application would be examined by approximately January 7, 2004. However, no Office Action has yet been received. Accordingly, Applicant requests to be advised of the status of the application, including an indication of when the patent application is expected to be examined.

Please send the undersigned a Status Report on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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